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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2001 for three(3) month(s) from July 2, 2001 to October 2, 2001. A Response to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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